40 BOOK *challenge*

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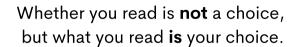but what you read **is** your choice.

350+ PAGES = 2 BOOKS

"I've never read that many books in my life!
– most 8th graders

"That's crazy, Ms. Palmer!"
– every student I've ever had

"But I hate reading!"
– person who hasn't found the right book

GENRE REQUIREMENTS

REALISTIC FICTION   4
HISTORICAL FICTION   4
FANTASY/HORROR   4
SCIENCE FICTION   4
MYSTERY   4
BIO/AUTO/MEMOIR   2
NONFICTION/INFORMATIONAL   2
POETRY   2
CLASSICS   2
GRAPHIC NOVELS   2
READER'S CHOICE   10

Independent reading is the basis for our class this year and *the most important part*. You will create a reading habit and find time to read, no matter how busy you are. You will also expand your reading horizons by reading widely and answering the **all important question**: what kinds of books do I like to read?

Every single one of you will participate in this challenge and **try your very best** to get to forty books. It's **okay** to try and fail, but is is **not okay** to not try at all. To achieve the 40 books, you will need to average **a book per week** (not including Winter Break). We will discuss ways to get you to this goal and I am here to help!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: But how will you know we're reading?
You will have weekly assignments to hold you accountable for reading. You do not need to finish a book to complete them, but will need to have read a decent amount. You are also responsible for keeping and updating a booklist in your notebook.

Q: Is this part of our grade?
I am not grading you on the number of books you finish, as this is a *challenge* but you will be graded on the assignments about your reading.

Q: Do I have to read the required genres?
Yes. I require a variety of genres intentionally. Reading widely will help you explore topics you don't normally and help you become a better reader.

Q: Can I reread a book?
I will allow up to 5 rereads, but you may not reread a book you read for class in 6th/7th grade.

Q: What if a book falls under two genres?
You may choose which to count it for.